



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0648]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Foreign Medical Program (FMP)

Registration Form and Claim Cover Sheet

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0648" in any

correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian McCarthy at (202) 615-9241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on:

(1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Authority: Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Registration Form and Claim Cover Sheet, VA Forms 10-7959f-1, 10-7959f-2

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Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Foreign Medical Program (FMP) is a federal health benefits program for Veterans, which is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans

Health Administration (VHA). The FMP is a Fee for Service (indemnity plan) program and provides reimbursement for VA adjudicated service-connected conditions. Title 38 CFR 17.35 states that VA will provide coverage for the Veteran's service-connected disability when the Veteran is residing or traveling overseas. Title 38 CFR 17.125(c) states that requests for consideration of claim reimbursement from approved health care providers and Veterans are to be mailed to VHA Health Administration Center. VA currently collects information for FMP reimbursement through an OMB approved collection under 2900-0648, using VA Form 10-7959f-1, Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Registration Form, and VA Form 10-7959f-2, Foreign Medical Program Claim Cover Sheet. This collection of information is necessary to continue to reimburse Veterans or providers under the FMP.

- a. VA Form 10-7959f-1 will collect information used to register into the FMP those Veterans with service-connected disabilities who are living or traveling overseas.
- b. VA Form 10-7959f-2 will collect information to streamline the FMP claims submission process for claimants or providers, while also reducing the time spent by VA on processing FMP claims. The cover sheet will explain to foreign providers and Veterans the basic information required for the processing and payment of claims.

VA Form 10-7959f-1:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 111 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 4 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,660.

VA Form 10-7959f-2:

Affected Public: Individuals or households; private sector.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,652 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 11 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 12 times annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,660.

By direction of the Secretary.

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